

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS		
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron		91.7
Monthly flying-hour contract		53.3
Hours flown		-38.4
Monthly offset		
909th Air Refueling Squadron		420
Monthly flying-hour contract		355.1
Hours flown		-64.9
Monthly offset		
67th Fighter Squadron		428.2
Monthly sortie contract		357.6
Sorties flown		-70.6
Monthly offset		
44th Fighter Squadron		357.9
Monthly sortie contract		368.3
Sorties flown		10.4
Monthly offset		
33rd Rescue Squadron		194
Monthly flying-hour contract		180
Hours flown		-14
Monthly offset		

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers
NE-E winds @ 10-25 knots
High: 75 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Rainshowers with isolated thunderstorms
SW-NW winds @ 15-25 knots
High: 72 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy
E-SE winds @ 10 knots
High: 77 Low: 66

THURSDAYMORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y112 SELLING: Y117=\$1

Shoguns head North for Red Flag - Alaska

By Scott Hallford
18th Wing Public Affairs

Team Kadena members from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron left the tropical island of Okinawa last week for the environs of Alaska to train in an exercise that sharpens air combat skills.

Red Flag-Alaska is conducted on the Pacific-Alaskan Range Complex with operations flown out of Eielson and Elmendorf Air Force Bases.

Renamed Red Flag-Alaska from Cope Thunder, the training is an Air Force-level exercise that builds on and reinforces air force to air force habitual relationships, according to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

"It is basically the Air Force's premier exercise," said Capt. William Pointer, lead representative and evaluator pilot with the 909th. "We're sending two KC-135s, four aircrews and 30 maintainers for two weeks of full-time flying refueling fighter aircraft to



File photo

Nearly 45 Airmen from Kadena including two KC-135 Stratotankers from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron are participating in Red Flag -- Alaska. The 909th ARS will fly three missions a day during their roughly two-and-a-half week stay at Red Flag.

validate our combat ability."

But Red Flag exercises include more than just aircraft and aircrews. The exercises expand the role of aggressor training across the board, to include ground, space and cyberspace training, as well as focusing on air combat at the operational level.

"There's a heavy Guard

and reserve presence based on their need for AEF training before deployment," said Captain Pointer. "Guard, reserve and active-duty aircraft and personnel are present including some naval forces from {Naval Air Station} Whidbey Island {Wash.}," said Captain Pointer. In addition to elements from Kadena and

Elmendorf, participating units are from Pope AFB, N.C.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; Barksdale AFB, La.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Travis AFB, Calif.; Joe Foss Field, S.D.; Kulis Air National Guard Base, Alaska; Minneapolis-St. Paul Joint Air Reserve Station, Minn.; and Nellis AFB, Nev.

Red Flag-Alaska coupled

with Red Flag-Nellis provides the Air Force a common set of exercises in multiple locations that have standardized and equal training capabilities.

A significant benefit of conducting Red Flag exercises in Alaska is the size and space available on the Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

The range airspace covers 67,000 square miles compared to the 12,000 square miles at the Nellis range.

"The use of these ranges is key to our fifth generation fighters, the F-22A and the Joint Strike Fighter," General Moseley said. "The space available and the strides to enhance training operations will make this more world-class than ever before."

Additionally, Red Flag-Alaska provides a different climate and terrain where joint training can occur between services and allies.

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Japanese road tax payments due in May

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Tax collectors will be at Kadena's Keystone Theater May 15 through 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect annual Japanese "road-use" fees for privately-owned vehicles.

The fees -- commonly referred to as "road tax" -- are collected annually on the nearly 29,000 private vehicles owned by Defense Department-connected workers in Okinawa. The fees which are assessed based on vehicle type and engine size range from 7,500 yen to 32,000 yen and must be paid in yen.

Although the tax must be paid in yen, a cash-only See TAX, Page 4

Mobility ability



Air Force /Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Airman 1st Class David Tippet, left, and Senior Airman Robert Van Etta, both of the 18th Communications Squadron, fasten cargo straps around a pallet April 21 to secure the equipment for travel. The building of pallets was part of preparation for a test that began Tuesday and ended today of the wing's ability to mobilize. The wing will next test its combat employment and focus on its ability to fight-the-base during War Week -- May 15 through 19.

Shoguns to use ID card to log on to office PCs

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

The majority of Airmen at Kadena are sitting on the key to future access to Air Force computer systems.

The key?

Their military identification card.

The days of remembering a plethora of passwords to log onto Air Force computer systems are quickly coming to an end, base officials say.

As part of an Air Force-wide initiative, Airman logging onto work computers will do so with their identification card. The cards hold a microchip that reads information and verifies the identity of the user.

See CARD, Page 4

NO SHOGUN MAY 5 DUE TO JAPANESE GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAYS, NEXT ISSUE MAY 12



Enlisted personnel crucial to success

Maj. Michael S. Christie
623rd Air Control Flight
commander

Have you ever heard the phrase, "It's a marathon, not a sprint?"

Essentially, the meaning is that it's a long race, so don't burn yourself out too early. The author was half-right -- we're most definitely in a marathon.

However, our marathon comprises a continuous stream of daily sprints. It's very easy to get caught up in the daily job of putting out fires and lose sight of "el photo grande." For Airmen that's the employment of air-power at a time, place, and ferocity of our choosing.

The pilot "pickling" off a missile or bomb is the end result of a staggering amount of teamwork. Ninety-nine percent of the time it is the enlisted force, the majority of which are Airmen and NCOs, sprinting to the finish line. We accomplish nothing without our enlisted corps and it's crucial for them to know why they are important and fundamental to the success of the Air Force.

Taking care of our enlisted force: One day I had the pleasure of attending the Airman Leadership School graduation for Class 06-D. If you've never been to an ALS or NCO Academy graduation, you're doing your enlisted personnel and yourself a great disservice. Not only is it an outstanding way of showing your support, but it also opens your eyes to the diverse jobs of our enlisted members.

One of the most important jobs of leaders/supervisors is to give our people every opportunity to succeed. When they do succeed, we need to ensure that it's captured in quarterly/annual awards, performance reports, and decorations. Good writing takes time and effort, not just at the time of writing, but throughout the year.

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Stay engaged with your people and schedule feedback...not only is it mandatory, but it's a great way to stay abreast of what your people are accomplishing.

The sacrifices of the military family are numerous and diverse, providing unique challenges in caring for our enlisted force.

No solution will ever be the same, but it's important your people know you care and are prepared to engage

on their behalf. Additional issues arise when the service member is deployed/TDY. Sometimes families are reticent to ask for help, believing they may get their spouse in trouble or feel they're being a bother.

It's leadership's responsibility to reach out to these families and put them at ease so they feel free to ask for help when needed.

In the coming years, manning will continue to

decrease while the ops tempo shows no sign of slowing.

The importance of our enlisted force and their families will most certainly increase, and the understanding and support we provide to them will play a crucial role in their success.

Although our enlisted force continues its daily sprint, it is our responsibility as leaders/supervisors to ensure they successfully finish the marathon.

Products with extended expiration dates safe

I recently learned Kadena's commissary obtained permission from the Food & Drug Administration to extend expiration dates up to 30 days on some food products.

I have no grievance there, it seems to be a legitimate option DECA has at their disposal. However the buying public should be informed in advance on which products are extended.

The catalyst for my letter is, in first week of January, I purchased a case of sports drink at a fantastic bargain.

Normally it would have sold for \$15 a case; I paid \$6 and some change. After consuming almost half the case, my oldest son stated, "Hey Dad, you know that's expired?" in that giggling voice. True, in-fact, he was right.

The sport drinks expired 26 Dec, 2005. If I had known the expiration date before hand I would not have bought it.

Embarrassment aside, the bottom line, sir, consumers should have a choice when purchasing a known expired item. Extended expiration date disclosure should be readily available on the product shelves for all to see so an informed purchase can be made.

Especially when a consumer's health can potentially be at risk, full disclosure is best.

We share your concern regarding disclosing expiration date information on items sold in the commissary, so we checked in with the commissary management.

Expiration dates are extended on some products, but only after they have been inspected and approved by the Veterinary Food Inspector from the Base Public Health Facility. All of these items have either a code date or a best-used-by date stamped on them. Items that are close to their expiration date and have been approved are offered to patrons at greatly reduced prices.

We'll try to ensure these items are normally sold in a separate location, and that a company representative is available to answer any consumer questions about the products. Please be assured that any items which have expired and pose a health risk are not offered for sale by your commissary.

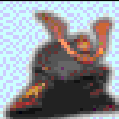


Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton
18th Wing commander

ACTION LINE

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



Senior Airman Stephanie Lewis
Unit: 18 AMDS/SGPB
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Reason for nomination: Led the Environmental Management Information System migration, ensuring Kadena smoothly transitioned to the Air Force's \$60 million Enterprise Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Information System.
Time at Kadena: 3 years



Tech. Sgt. Reynaldo Burgos
Unit: 718 AMXS/MXAOFs
Hometown: Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Reason for nomination: A dynamic logistician who maintains the best aircraft maintenance unit due-in-for-maintenance turn-in time rate and mission capability delivery time on Kadena.
Time at Kadena: 2 years and 9 months

Don't drink
& drive
It has been...

6 days

since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'

Three Kadena Airmen were arrested in separate incidents of drunk driving Saturday between 2 and 8 a.m. The Airmen are assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron.



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This week in 18th Wing History

Seven years ago this week Kadena Air Base held the first annual Special Olympics. The event marked the first time since 1995 an Okinawan governor had made a public speech on a U.S. military installation. This year's Special Olympics will be held June 24.

33RD RS RESCUES KOREAN: Det. 1, 33rd Rescue Squadron attached to Osan AB, South Korea, rescued a 74-year-old Korean woman suffering from a heart attack April 19. Capts. Chris Spindler and James Humphrey were piloting an HH-60 helicopter and rescued the woman within 30 minutes after liftoff in severe weather conditions. The patient was picked up from Yeong Pyeong Island off the coast of North Korea and transported to a South Korean naval facility. A Kadena E-3 Sentry (AWACS) provided airborne command and control for the rescue.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS: With April being National Alcohol Awareness Month, the ADAPT staff will be at the Kadena Base Exchange today from 1-4 p.m. The staff will have alcohol screeners, pamphlets on alcohol prevention and flashcards on alcohol education. There will also be goggles on hand to show visual effects of how alcohol distorts the brain and different intoxication levels.

ENERGYCONSERVATIONTIP: Set your thermostat between 76 degrees to 80 degrees Fahrenheit for recommended comfort and energy efficiency.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: A fill "da" boot fundraiser for Kadena's Special Olympics will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the commissary and exchange complex. A dunking booth, fire prevention display and snacks will be available in exchange for contributions.

FAR EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL: Department of Defense Dependant Schools Pacific is sponsoring the 27th Far East Honors Music Festival at Kubasaki High School, Camp Butler, today at 7 p.m. About 160 student musicians from the 13 Pacific-based high schools have completed a highly competitive audition

process that began in December. Instrumental recordings were judged by members of the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band on Okinawa. Vocal recordings were judged by music educators from elementary schools in the DoDDS Okinawa and mainland Japan districts. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call Roy Hall at 644-5669.

ART AUCTION: The Kadena High School Booster Club in conjunction with Kanda's Gallery will hold an art auction Saturday with a preview and presale at 5 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. There will also be door prizes. For more information call 933-5181.

UPCOMING SCHOOL NEWS: Kadena High School softball -- Saturday -- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. -- Okinawa Kadena High School vs. Kadena High School at Chibana -- open to the public
•Kadena High School boys soccer -- Saturday -- 10 a.m. - noon -- Koyo High School vs. Kadena at Kadena High School -- open to the public
•Kadena High School girls soccer -- Saturday -- 10 a.m. - noon -- Urasoe High School vs. Kadena at Kadena High School -- open to the public

SUICIDE PREVENTION: A suicide prevention and violence awareness training session will be held Wednesday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Keystone Theater.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE: A Holocaust remembrance ceremony will be held May 9 at 8 a.m. at Chapel 1.

PACIFIC CHAMPS: Kadena High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets are the 2006 Pacific Champions Armed and Unarmed Drill Team. The competition was held earlier this month in Hawaii. The team was edged

out of first place and took second place in the color guard event. This was significant since Kadena fielded an all-female team commanded by Cadet Lt. Jasmine Roach. No other school fielded such a team. Kadena also took first place in the exhibition drill event at the competition.

INSURANCE MANDATORY: Under U.S. Forces Japan and 18th Wing instructions, all Status of Force Agreement registered vehicles must be covered by personal damage insurance (PDI) in addition to Japanese compulsory insurance (JCI). This is a duty that applies to all SOFA-status members, active duty or civilian. If you are active duty, failure to maintain current PDI on your vehicle may result in adverse administrative or Uniform Code of Military Justice action. For all others, failure to maintain current PDI may result in action through the Kadena Disciplinary Action Program. Whether active duty or civilian, your vehicle will be impounded until PDI and JCI coverage are restored.

DEBT COLLECTION: According to 18WG Legal Office, there has been an increase in the amount of personnel receiving debt collection notices for disputed debts. If you receive a notice (typically U.S. mail) from an American debt collection agency, you need to act promptly to preserve your rights. Under federal law certain notices are required to be printed on a collection letter. For example, there must be a clause that states that you have the right to dispute the debt in question, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the letter. If you dispute the debt within 30 days, the agency is required to send you proof of the debt before they can proceed with collection. If you do not dispute the debt in writing, and call instead, you may miss out on important rights you have under the law by making a paper trail

that shows you disputed the debt properly. If you dispute a debt, or if you think the collection letter may not be legitimate or legal, seek legal assistance.

GOSPEL SERVICE: The Kadena Gospel Service will hold its Spring Revival May 4-6 each night at 7 p.m. in Chapel 3. The host pastor will be Terrence W. Carr and the United International Christian Faith Center as well as other local congregations will be in attendance.

POSTAL ADVISORY: There are a number of restrictions on mailable items to Japan. These are a few of the items frequently detected by Japanese Customs officials: fresh fruits, vegetables, meat products (to include USDA-approved) and pornographic materials. If you have any questions call 634-3266

WADING POOLS: Summer is fast approaching and soon families will be enjoying the sun in their backyard wading pool. If you live on-base, the maximum size authorized for a wading pool is 6 feet in diameter by 12 inches deep. Children must be supervised at all times and when the pool is not in use, it must be emptied and stored.

HOME SECURITY IN YOUR ABSCENCE: If you live on-base and will be absent from your quarters for five days or more, designate someone over 18 years of age with SOFA status to check on your housing unit. In extended absences, anything over five days, make arrangements with someone to manage your yard care. Please notify the housing office and security police in writing of your extended absence. You may complete a form letter at the Base Housing Office, Bldg. 217, from 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday.

Resizing the MCU-2A/P Protective Mask

- Loosen all six tabs on the head harness that connects to the gas mask.
- Don gas mask and tighten tabs in the following order: middle, bottom and top.
- Make sure square piece of harness is centered on the back of the head.
- Skull Cap wearers: Make sure the two lines are centered on the back of the head with help from a buddy.
- To check for a proper seal, cover the hole on the C2 canister and try to breathe in. If the face lens concaves or there are no air leaks, then you have a good seal.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

- The U.S. and Japanese governments approved the Awase Golf Course relocation project during a joint committee session held April 20. The Awase Golf Course club house, store, cart storage facility and maintenance building will be moved to the Kadena Munitions Storage Facility, and the changing room and pool will be relocated to Camp Foster.
- U.S. military police are investigating the case of a Japanese van hit by a raw egg thrown by a teenage boy from a U.S. military bus April 21 on Highway 58 in Ginowan City.
- Japan scrambled fighter jets more than 100 times this year to intercept suspected Chinese spy planes approaching Japanese airspace, a top general said Thursday, amid growing concern in Tokyo over China's recent arms buildup. The 107 alerts in

the first three months of the year—the most in at least a decade—marked a dramatic increase from the previous year, when fighters scrambled only 13 times against Chinese planes.

- Four U.S. military facilities in Okinawa Prefecture—including the U.S. Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station—will be returned to Japan by the end of fiscal 2013 according to an outline of the final report on the reorganization of the U.S. military in Japan, government sources said.

The two countries will compile a final report early next month.

- Mitsuko Tomon, 63, affiliated with reformist factions, won Sunday's Okinawa City mayoral race by a margin of 2,050 votes of 55,368 cast over her conservative opponent.

Ms Tomon is the first female mayor in the Okinawa Prefecture.

Issues during the election battle included Ms Tomon's opposition to the U.S.-Japan joint use of

Kadena AB.

- A course on the U.S. military began at Okinawa International University and is attracting students. The course, which began in April, consists of eight subjects including the relationship of the U.S. military to Okinawa's living environment, economy, law and natural environment.

- The Japanese government plans to slash defense spending to make way for the 2.71 trillion yen Japan will shoulder in the realignment of the U.S. military presence in the country, government sources said Tuesday.

Japan's fiscal 2006 defense budget at 4.81 trillion yen marks the fourth straight year of cuts in defense outlays.

Japan has agreed to pay \$6.09 billion, or about 700 billion yen, as its share of the cost of moving 8,000 U.S. Marines to Guam, and another 2 trillion yen in other realignment-related expenditures over the next 10 years.



Kadena Air Commandos honor yesterday's fallen, celebrate today's Airmen

By Master Sgt. Marilyn C. Holliday
353rd Special Operations Group
Public Affairs

In two distinct ceremonies steeped in Air Force traditions, members of the 353rd Special Operations Group honored those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, while reflecting on their command's rich heritage.

Both the retreat ceremony and the combat dining out coincided with the anniversary of Operation Eagle Claw, also referred to as Desert One, the failed rescue mission into Iran in 1980.

During Operation Eagle Claw, eight service members were killed while attempting to rescue 53 American hostages.

The retreat ceremony was a more solemn event April 21 at the base flag pole, with flights of Airmen and the base honor guard assembled. Col. Raymond Chapman, 353rd Special Operations Group commander, spoke briefly about the 1980 mission to the crowd of 200 people.

"Looking back today, I see that Operation Eagle Claw may have been a tactical failure, but it was a strategic success," Colonel Chapman said. "There's no question that we would not be the force that we are today if not for that ill-fated rescue attempt on April 24, 1980, or the brave warriors that cared about one thing and one thing only – rescuing the American hostages and returning them to American soil. They adapted, they over-

came and they did everything within their power to make the mission a success. But the institutional obstacles they faced were too overwhelming."

Operation Eagle Claw was a joint services mission to rescue Americans who were being held hostage in Tehran, Iran, since Nov. 4, 1979.

The plan involved all four services, eight U.S. Marine Corps RH-53 helicopters, four MC-130 Combat Talon, three EC-130 Command Solo airborne battlefield command and control centers, three AC-130 Spectre gunships and two C-141 Starlifters.

Following a multitude of mishaps, to include pilots only being able to fly at or below 200 feet to avoid radar and causing dust storms that forced helicopters to land and not follow through with the mission, inoperable helicopters, poor planning due to weather conditions and an accident that caused a C-130 and a helicopter to burst into flames, the mission was aborted.

After the failed mission, the hostages were moved and kept in locations throughout Iran and released 444 days after captivity – Jan. 20, 1981.

Because of this failed rescue attempt, the United States Special Operations Command was created and special operations forces from each of the military services are now under the overall control of U.S. SOCOM.

"Problems from the mission were highlighted and special operations forces were transformed," Colonel Chapman said.

"Never again will SOF be so ill-prepared or ill-equipped."

The second event held in conjunction with the Operation Eagle Claw anniversary was a combat dining out, attended by 350 people in the 353rd Maintenance Squadron hangar at Kadena Saturday.

Retired Col. Kenneth Poole, who served in special forces for 24 years, served as the guest speaker.

"Although Desert One was a failure, the sacrifices of eight great men were not in vain," Colonel Poole said. "It took failure for the rebirth of special operations forces. Colonel Poole also said that lessons learned from weather and planning factors were successfully used today.

"In Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the equivalent of 20 Desert Ones were conducted flawlessly and seamlessly," Colonel Poole said. "The flame of the failure of Desert One burns in the hearts of everyone who participated in the mission. That flame has been passed and still burns in the hearts of every special operator today."

The dining out brought together spouses and members from all five squadrons of the 353rd Special Operations Group located at Kadena. Those in attendance completed a deployment processing line before making their way through an obstacle course and eventually to their seats.

In true special operations form, those directed to the grog bowl had to first swing across a rope located above a pool of water.



Air Force/A1C Gary Edwards Tech. Sgt. Philip Vaughn from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron makes his way through the tire obstacle during the 353rd Special Operations Group Combat Dining Out April 21.

TAX: Officials allow up to 5 cars to be 'road taxed' at once

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money exchange counter will be available. Money exchange officials will not accept checks, credit or debit cards.

"At Kadena we will have two lines to help cut down on the wait," said Marine Master Sgt. John Gutierrez, staff NCO in charge of the Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office at Camp Foster.

Sergeant Gutierrez said owners will need to have five vehicle-related documents checked before they will be allowed to pay the road tax.

Those documents are:

- The original Japanese title.
- Current property damage insurance.
- Current Japanese Compulsory Insurance.
- The 2005 road tax receipt.
- Current military registration certificate -- DD Form 430.

"All five of these documents should be in your glove box, but because some of them are in Japanese – some people may not know the difference between a vehicle document and a water bill. We'll have people there to help you out while you wait in line," Sergeant Gutierrez said.

He said those missing documents will not be allowed to pay road tax. "If someone doesn't have the road tax

receipt from last year they can come to our office and we'll give them a document that will allow them to pick up their 2005 receipt at the road tax office in Urasoe City," he said.

For those that miss paying road tax at Kadena, Gutierrez said they'll have one more opportunity at Camp Foster's Foster Field House from May 22 through May 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Officials will also allow individuals to pay road taxes on up to five separate vehicles at one time.

Those with six cars or more will be asked to go to the back of the line after five road tax fees are paid, he said. "If there's no line, we'll process all six at once."

After the road tax is paid, owners will receive a sticker to place on their windshield or have the sticker placed on the windshield by officials outside the theater.

Sergeant Gutierrez cautioned folks to put the sticker immediately on the vehicle. "Sometimes people accidentally put the decal in their glove compartment with the other paperwork and forget to place the sticker on, which could cause them to get a citation," he said.

Road taxes must be paid by May 31.

Car owners who fail to pay

the tax at one of the military outlets will have to pay at the main road tax office in Urasoe City near Camp Kinser.

The road taxes for mini-cars (cars with yellow "A" plates) is 3,000 yen and must be paid at a local Japanese city office.

Motorcycle road taxes must also be paid at local city offices and are 1,000 yen for engines 126cc and above and 500 yen for engines 125cc and below.

Mini-car and motorcycle owners will need to bring the receipt received from the city office to the Camp Foster registration office to get a 2006 road tax sticker.

All vehicles must display a 2006 road tax sticker before June 1.

Road taxes must also be paid on vehicles not de-registered by April 1.

The following is a list of road tax fees by license plate category. The number listed is the smaller number located at the top of the plate:

- Plate owners with 40, 50, 77, 78, 400 or 500 will be required to pay 7,500 yen.
- Plate owners with 33 or 300 with engines 4500cc and below pay 19,000 yen.
- Plate owners with 33 or 300 with engines above 4500cc pay 22,000 yen.
- Plates owners with 11, 100, 88 or 800 pay 32,000 yen.

CARD: Personnel officials set schedule for PIN changes

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Air Force officials say by July 2006, the primary method for logging onto a standard unclassified Defense Department computer will be with the "Smart Card" identification card and a personal identification number created when the card was issued.

Kadena's military personnel flight, located in building

721, is currently resetting PINs and e-mail addresses and updating certificates.

Because of the amount of possible PIN resets, personnel officials have extended hours at the MPF and are asking Airmen to have their ID cards reset from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. based on the following unit reservation schedule below.

April 24-29: 320th Special Tactics Squadron, 353rd Operations Support Squadron, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron.

May 1 - 6: 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, 18th Wing staff agencies

May 8-13: 623rd Air Control Flight, Det. 15, 372nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

May 15-20: 18th Operations Support Squadron, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron

May 22-25: 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, 18th Security Forces Squadron

May 30 - June 3: 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 18th Medical Support Squadron, 18th Dental Squadron

June 5 - 10 : 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 44th Fighter Squadron

June 12 - 17: 18th Communications Squadron, 18th Security Forces Squadron

June 19 - 24: 1st Special Operations Squadron, 17th Special Operations Squadron, 67th Fighter Squadron

June 26 - July 1: Det. 3 Air Postal Squadron, 31st Rescue Squadron, 33rd Rescue Squadron

July 5 - 8: Det. 3, 25th IOS; Det. 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron; Det. 3, AFIOH, 390th Intelligence Squadron

July 10-15: 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

July 17-22: 18th Services Squadron, 18th Contracting Squadron, 18th Medical Operations Squadron

July 24-29: Any remaining personnel.

July 31: Any remaining personnel.

'Faces of the Fallen' exhibit at women's memorial

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — "Faces of the Fallen," an exhibit featuring more than 1,300 individual portraits honoring America's servicemembers who died fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq, will stay on display at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial until May 31, officials said.

More than 230,000 visitors were drawn to the memorial since the exhibit opened in March 2005, said retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, president of Women in Military Service for America. That set a one-year record for the number of people visiting the memorial, she said, calling the exhibit's impact on the memorial "incredible."

"That was a very welcomed thing for all of us, because when people come, they not only see that exhibit, they also see the other exhibits about women in the military," said General Vaught, who spearheaded the campaign that raised more than \$20 million to build the memorial that opened in 1997.

"A few people told me that when they went home they told their friends and relatives

that the Women's Memorial was the single most impressive place they visited."

The memorial is across the street from Arlington National Cemetery's main gate.

She said the "Faces of the Fallen" exhibit has generated heartwarming and touching letters and notes from visitors. One of the most heartwarming letters, she said, came from a lieutenant colonel who met the father of a fallen servicemember pictured in the exhibit.

"He told her that it was the first time he had felt that an adequate tribute had been paid to his son for his sacrifice," General Vaught said.

"It's a tragedy, and you can feel the spirit looking at the portraits," said Annette Polan, founder of "Faces of the Fallen."

"For each portrait, there's a whole community of lives that will never be the same — spouses, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends."

Some people leave notes and letters by the portraits that are like conversations: "I saw your mother last week, and we had a cup of tea together."

More than 200 volunteer artists created the portraits, the artists working from



AFPN/Rudi Williams

Annette Polan, founder of the "Faces of the Fallen" exhibit at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, reads a note left by the portrait of a servicemember.

sometimes poor-quality digitized photographs on the Internet, Polan said.

The artists produced the portraits in an assortment of media: pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors, oils, textiles, relief and collage, and sculpture.

Probably the most famous portrait in the exhibit is that

of Army Cpl. Pat Tillman, 27, who gave up a professional football career to become an Army Ranger.

He was killed in Afghanistan April 22, 2004. Natasha Mokina painted his portrait.

"Faces of the Fallen" was named one of the top five gallery exhibitions for 2005 by

the Washington Post, Polan said.

"I wanted to create something permanent that would honor all the men and women who lost their lives and offer some kind of support to their families," she said.

"It was a task too big for one person to do, nor should one person do it."

Military families entitled to online mental health screenings

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—Military members and families coping with the stress of overseas deployments and other potential health-threatening issues can log onto the Internet to get help, said a U.S. military psychologist.

Servicemembers from all components and their families can obtain a mental health self-assessment or screening through a Web site co-sponsored by the Department of Defense and Screening for Mental Health Inc., a non-profit organization, said Col. (Dr.) Joyce Adkins, a psychologist with the Force Health Protection and Readiness Directorate at the Defense Department's Health Affairs office.

"The (online) screening actually gets you to where you need to be in terms of counseling," Dr. Adkins said. "Once you do one of the screening checklists, it will give you the benefits that are available to you."

The Web site was brought online in January, and can be found at <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/military/index.aspx>. The link to the survey is in the upper right corner of the Web page under "Click for anonymous self assessment."

The site augments other DOD mental health assistance resources, Dr. Adkins said. People logged onto the site are asked to answer a series of questions.

The program "grades" the completed sur-

vey, Dr. Adkins said, and gives people an evaluation of their present mental health and provides assistance resources, if deemed necessary.

Other DOD-endorsed health sites tell customers how to access mental health counseling services, but do not provide an online mental health screening program, Dr. Adkins said.

National Guard and reserve members returning from overseas deployments also are authorized to use the Web site, Dr. Adkins said. Returning Reserve-component members have two years of health benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"And, it's totally free to them," the colonel said.

Such services are especially important now because of the potential stressful effects deployments can have on both military and family members, Dr. Adkins said.

"It's a concern that people don't understand what their thoughts and feelings mean as they come back from deployment," Dr. Adkins said. "As they re-integrate with their families there may be conflict in the family that's not easily resolved."

The mental health screening Web site and other related programs available to servicemembers and their families provide a level of benefits and a level of service to help them understand what services are available.

Sacrifices of military children not forgotten

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Children in military families make sacrifices and serve their country as much as anyone in uniform does, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff said.

"In so many loving ways, our children quietly shoulder part of the burden, making their mom or dad understand that what they are doing is important," said Marine Gen. Peter Pace.

Military parents often have to miss holidays and special occasions, and children are left home to worry while parents go on difficult missions, General Pace said. Military families also have to move every two or three years, making the children uproot, change schools and say goodbye to friends, he said.

"There's no way, in my mind, that you can be successful in the military and have a family unless that family does, in fact, appreciate your service to the country," he said.

Because military children have to transition and adapt a lot, they gain great life experience and maturity, General Pace said. He recognized that, as teenagers, his own children were much more worldly than he was at that age, because he spent his entire childhood in his hometown.

"I think that, in the main, growing up in a military family strengthens the individual," he said.

In honor of April's observance of the Month of the Military Child, the general recently wrote a letter to military children, thanking them for their patience, understanding, courage and support.

April is
Month of the
Military Child



May 1

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

May 2

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

May 3

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

May 4

YOUTH CENTER: Space day for children ages nine to 12 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Country line dance lessons from 7 p.m.; Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

May 5

YOUTH CENTER: Cinco de Mayo party for children ages six to 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Comedy showcase featuring Vanessa P. Fraction and Tyrone Franklin starts at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Show is open to all Banyan Tree Club members and their guests. Show contains adult humor and content, no one under 18 may attend.

- Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Flashback Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Cinco de Mayo celebration from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

- First Friday's R&B party from 11 p.m. to close.

TOURS: Naha Dragon Boat Race from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 6

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip hop, dirty South and R&B from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

- Latin, salsa and reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Comedy showcase featuring Vanessa P. Fraction and Tyrone Franklin starts at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Show is open to all Banyan Tree Club members and their guests. Show contains adult humor and content, no one under 18 may attend.

- Monte Carlo Night with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.; gaming starting at 7 p.m.

TEEN CENTER MILLENNIUM: Girls night Lock-in, \$3, with fashion show, move, dancing and more; from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

TOURS: Battle of Okinawa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Flower Festival at Kaguya Hime from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 7

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

- Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

TOURS: Shuri Castle and Shikina-En from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Sacred Places, Shrines and Temples from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 8

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

May 9

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.
• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

TOURS: Tours for Tots Murasaki Mura from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

** First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.*

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Friday..... * Ice Age 2, *PG*, 6 p.m.
Eight Below, *PG*, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.. Date Move, *PG-13*, noon
* Ice Age 2, *PG*, 4 p.m.
Eight Below, *PG*, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Date Move, *PG-13*, noon
* Ice Age 2, *PG*, 4 p.m.
Eight Below, *PG*, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.... Ice Age 2, *PG*, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... Eight Below, *PG*, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.. Eight Below, *PG*, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday... * Take the Lead, *PG-13*, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Friday..... * Take the Lead, *PG-13*, 7 p.m.
Freedomland, *R*, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.... Eight Below, *PG*, 1 p.m.
Freedomland, *R*, 4 p.m.
* Take the Lead, *PG-13*, 7 p.m.
Date Movie, *PG-13*, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Eight Below, *PG*, 1 p.m.
Eight Below, *PG*, 4 p.m.
* Freedomland, *R*, 7 p.m.

Earth Day transportation



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary M. Edwards, Jr. Caleb Barber, son of Tech. Sgt. Lashandria Barber, 18th Contracting Squadron, rides a horse during Earthfest 2006 at Kadena. The event, which offered alternative transportation ideas and variety of environmental information, was held Saturday behind the Risner Fitness Center.

May 10

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Family member-

ship night from 5 to 7 p.m.

May 11

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Country line dance lessons from 7 p.m.; Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

TOURS: Okinawan delight and Kokeshi Doll Workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 12

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Flashback Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: An Appetite for Murder, mystery game and light dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Registration required at Schilling.

TOURS: JA Aroma Bath House from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 13

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip hop, dirty South and R&B from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

• Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

YOUTH CENTER: "Beauty and the Beast" performances and workshop, ages 9-12, from noon to 2 p.m.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: Bingo beginning at 2 p.m.; game cards sold at 1 p.m.

TOURS: Ocean Observatory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• In the Middle of It All from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 14

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Juke Box Jams from 7 to

10 p.m.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Mother's Day brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Mother's Day brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TOURS: Mother's Day Dinner Cruise from 4:15 to 8:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Mother's Day at Hotel Nikko Alivila from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 15

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

TOURS: Neo Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 16

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

May 17

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

TOURS: Tea Ceremony from 6-9 p.m.

May 18

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Country line dance lessons from 7 p.m.; Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

May 19

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Flashback Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Back That Friday Up Party with the Hit-Man. All the best music of the 1980s-'90s from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

TOURS: Taste of the Town. Call 634-4322.

May 20

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Party all night to the best in

R&B, Reggae and Latin in the ballroom from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

• Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

YOUTH CENTER: Youth Sports, America's Kids Run, ages 3-13. Registration through May 19 at www.americaskidsrun.org. Call 634-2789.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: Movie on the Lawn at Marek Park: "Fantastic Four and "X-Men" beginning at 8 p.m.

• Card and Comic Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOURS: Yui Monrail and Kokusai Street from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Tunnel Rats from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 21

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: DVD and Video Swap from noon to 2 p.m. Only pre-owned movies; no new or copied movies.

TOURS: Battle of Okinawa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

• Salami Island from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 22

Banyan Tree Club: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

May 23

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

TOURS: Blue Indigo Project and Bashful Weaving Studio from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 24

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

May 25

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Country line dance lessons from 7 p.m.; Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

TOURS: Southern 100 Yen Shopping from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 26

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social hour from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Flashback Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Family Day hours: Café Latte is open from 6:30 to 1:30 a.m.; membership service counter is open from 10 to 1 a.m.; Weekender Lounge is open from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Flame Room is open from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. All other club services will be closed including the lunch buffet.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Party Studio 54 Style with R&B, Hip hop and Top 40 from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

YOUTH CENTER: Kadena Cup XI Martial Arts Challenge open to all ages and belt ranks at Amelia Earhart School gym. Pre-registration, \$20; day of event registration, \$25.

• Dance 'Till You Drop. \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, ages 6-8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

• Family Fun Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Free snacks, drinks and crafts.

TOURS: Urashima Dinner Theater from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Call 634-4322.

May 27

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip hop, dirty South and R&B from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

• Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

YOUTH CENTER: Dance 'Till You Drop. \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members., ages 9-12, from 7 to 10 p.m.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Café Latte is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., membership service counter is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. All other club services will be closed.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: GALA Supreme Ladies Night paying tribute to all who serve in the armed forces from 10 p.m. to 3 p.m. See cashier to reserve a table for groups of 8 for \$25 which includes a bottle of champagne.

HAGERSTROM POOL: Open swim from noon to 6 p.m.

SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER: Handmade Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission.

TOURS: Memorial Day Weekend at Pricia Resort. Call 634-4322.

• Expo Park and Churaumi Aquarium. Call 634-4322.

C H A P E L

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Andrew Darrow, 390th Intelligence Squadron, drives the ball past the Det. 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron bench during the intramural soccer championships April 20. The 390th IS blanked the Red Horse team 3-0 to capture the base title.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Jason Hines, 554th RHS, heads the ball over 390th IS defender Andrew Darrow as RHS teammate Charles Hamilton waits for the pass.



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Red Horse teammates try to head off the 390th IS onslaught as 390th IS fieldsmen Irvin Nuffio and Andrew Darrow (1) set up a score attempt on goal.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Robert Ritchey (3), 390th IS, attempts to cut off Red Horse's Mario Flores as he drives up the field as Alex Bisseev (8) trails along with 554th RHS' Jason Blair.

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Zero incidents
of underage
Drinking

Z

Zero alcohol
related incidents

1

One drink
per hour

3

Three drinks
per night

- *If you choose to drink, then drink responsibly*
- *Never drink and drive.*
- *Z-Z-1-3 applies to all of us as wingmen looking out for our Kadena teammates.*



If you drink
**Drink
Responsibly**